

MINUTES
ECCO Board Meeting
March 9, 2017 7:00 p.m.
New Hope Methodist Church

Call to Order – P. Johnson

Board Members Present: Mary Belka, Robert Bienhoff, Rebecca Carr, Paul Johnson, Tom Madsen, Roy Maurer, Patti Pierson, Pat Schock, Danielle Shea

A quorum (quorum = 8) was present for voting

Also Present: ECCO Fraternity members Jared Stauffer (AGS; Tom Waldo (AGR); John Radio (FarmHouse); Randy Kirkpatrick (KTech Project Services Rep for FH project); Mark Freese (VP of FarmHouse Board); and LPD Sergeant Cooper

Minutes – January 2017 – M. Belka / February 2017 – D. Thayer

- January Approved – D. Thayer to provide February for approval at next meeting

Treasurer's Report – R. Maurer

- Approved

LPD Report – Sgt. Cooper

- Analysis of LPD reports to the neighborhood
- Assaults tend to be where people gather – 33rd & Holdrege convenience stores @ 48th Street near French Quarter/Madsen's parking lot
- Some suspected child abuse – nothing material found in those calls
- Biggest issues
 - ✓ 34th & W – gang-related shooting
 - ✓ 33rd – drug-related home invasion
 - ✓ Gang unit working hard – staffing is 6-10 officers in NE Lincoln – this can be a challenge

FarmHouse Fraternity Building Project Update – Mark Freese & Randy Kirkpatrick

- Last year of meetings has been very fruitful. Design process now in "schematic design" phase – still "high level" – necessary permits have been obtained.
- Leo A. Daly is architectural firm
- Construction documents ("CD") stage just completed – elevation/materials set – stone veneer w/cement siding. Landscaping left out, so that building features can be viewed easily.
- Fencing on the west side – discussing east side with neighbors/subcommittee in upcoming meeting
- Interior spaces planned
- Milestones
 - ✓ 3/30 – CD issues bids
 - ✓ 5/15 – Begin Demolition
 - ✓ 8/20/2018 – Ready for occupancy
- Fraternity residents have rented living space in Latitude Apts. Downtown – all on the same floor
- Streets will not be blocked during demolition/construction – enough area for staging, once demo takes place
- Group meeting week after next
- Suggested that update article be included in upcoming ECCO newsletter
- Historic Preservation Committee – Jeff spoke w/Ed Zimmer – would be nice, but not required, to have ECCO representation at upcoming meeting 3/16 @ 1:30 PM @ County-City Building, Room 214 for final approval of plans (then forwarded to Planning Commission & City Council).
- M. Belka to attend meeting on behalf of ECCO – P. Johnson to draft letter to submit to Historic Preservation Committee, in support of the project.

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter Delivery – S. Ruggia-Haden & R. Carr

- Next newsletter planned for April 1 delivery – potential articles/info need to be to Rebecca Carr by 3/17
- Double-check delivery assignments

Neighborhood Clean-up – P. Pierson

- Good to go – Saturday April 22 from 9:00 am to 1:00 PM
- Awaiting approval on grants – and Goodwill Challenge details

Web-Site – D. Shea

- D. Shea has coordinated w/ECCO residents Deb Eisloeffel and Molly Nance, who are heading this up
- Open to former residents
- P. Schock to provide Neighborhood Watch info for link
- LPD promotes the “Next Door” website – some discussion – it is cumbersome to use; the benefit is that it gives an additional presence to LPD
- Will continue our ECCO newsletter and ECCO e-mail blasts – this will simply provide an expanded forum with which to communicate with ECCO residents and interested parties

Membership – P. Pearson w/help from R. Maurer

- Additional new members continue to trickle in – all listed in Financials under Treasurer’s Report
- New members can join during Neighborhood Clean-up

Yard of the Month – R. Bienhoff & R. Voeltz

- No report
- Motion to purchase 6 new signs – this is in the budget. Motion passed unanimously.
- R. Maurer & R. Carr will coordinate to find vendor and order signs
- Goal is to have 2 yards honored per month

Rental Committee – P. Schock

- 1306 N. 45th address/photo were uploaded during meeting to City “Problem Property” website for action by City

Fraternity Reports

- **AGR – Tom Waldo (President)**
 - ✓ Discussed neighborhood complaints RE properties to the east of AGR parking lot, where AGR members are also participating. Police reports, underage drinking, issues in AGR parking lot, as well as the adjoining homes. Recent fraternity suspensions over alcohol discussed – don’t want this to occur here.
 - ✓ Tom indicated they will do their best to curb these activities – offered to have people call him, when there is an issue
 - ✓ Hog Roast to be held 4/13
- **FarmHouse**
 - ✓ Parents’ Day – 3/22 – will pass along any comments as a result of meeting
- **AGS**
 - ✓ Recent Blood Drive had “OK” turnout – better than last year – thanks to all ECCO neighbors who participated
- **UNL Big Event reminder to sign up – April 8**

Old Business

- Mayor’s Roundtable – P. Johnson
 - ✓ Nothing significant to report
- Idylwild lighting – P. Johnson
 - ✓ Comments back from the City as a result of letter from Idylwild resident Marc Myers, who felt they were too bright. Others feel the lighting makes the street safer.
 - ✓ City indicated that replacement lights throughout the City will be the same as those now on Idylwild. If neighbors want different lights, they would have to bear the cost. Board to leave this up to neighbors to pursue as they see fit – feedback appreciated – but only the one complaint was received.
- Permit Parking project – M. Belka
 - ✓ Meeting set with City Council member Cyndi Lamm next Monday – will provide report @ April meeting

New Business

- LPD Teams Boundaries Commission
 - ✓ Number of officers has grown minimally – population growth has outpaced LPD growth. Target response time = 10 minutes. New PD substation/Fire Station to be built @ 66th & Pine Lake
- 2017 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) national conference to be held May 24-27 @ Omaha Century Link Ctr. – 4 days w/workshops
 - ✓ P. Johnson will attend as much as he can
- ECCO Neighborhood signs
 - ✓ Cost/design has to go through the City – they are more expensive than people might think

Meeting was adjourned.

Pending Business

- Election of President-Elect
- Historical Records

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 13 @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45th & Orchard

Calendar of Events

4/15 East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 AM

4/22 Neighborhood Clean-up @ 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM @ Lutheran Church @ 42nd and Vine Streets

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka